

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1997 - HB 1911

March 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes Tennessee to join an interstate compact for the enrollment and transfer of children in military families into public schools in member states. Sets forth eligibility requirements for students, duties of member states, and prohibits local education agencies (LEAs) from charging out-of-district-tuition fees to a transitioning student who is in the custody of a non-custodial parent or guardian whose address is outside the LEA jurisdiction. Creates a State Council to oversee this program in Tennessee and defines the council's duties therein. Gives Tennessee one voting representative on the Interstate Commission. Sets forth provisions to resolve disputes between member states. Compact does not become binding until 10 or more states have passed such legislation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$22,804

Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the national Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, the Commission's budget is based upon a \$1.00 fee per active duty child paid by each member state. Tennessee has approximately 2,804 active duty children. Total increase in state expenditures for 2,804 children is \$2,804. This total could increase or decrease annually depending upon the number of children of active duty personnel.
- Tennessee's State Council governing the compact will meet approximately four times at a cost of \$2,500 per meeting for travel and per diem and \$10,000 (4 x \$2,500) annually.
- The representative to the national Commission will incur travel expenses if in-person national Commission meetings are held. Meetings are

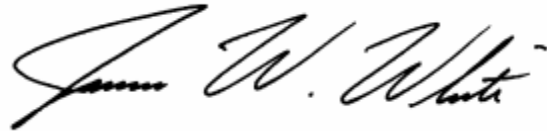
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required once per year and may be held electronically or by telephone. These travel costs are estimated to be approximately \$5,000.

- The appointed military family liaison will incur travel costs estimated at \$5,000 per year. Liaison will help facilitate and assist families in implementing the compact.
- Total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be approximately \$22,804 (\$2,804 + \$10,000 + \$5,000 + \$5,000).
- Any decrease in local revenue as a result of military families not paying out-of-jurisdiction tuition fees is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- No impact on the BEP formula.
- Currently 11 states have joined the Compact, resulting in this bill becoming effective upon passage.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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